

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior listings.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A stabilizer bar assembly comprising:
a stabilizer bar; and
an anti-shift collar crimped to said stabilizer bar, said anti-shift collar comprising
an elliptical outer perimeter crimped at opposed locations to form opposed pinched areas which
retain the anti-shift collar to said stabilizer bar.
2. (ORIGINAL) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said
elliptical outer perimeter comprises a clipped end.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1,
wherein said anti-shift collar comprises a ~~hemi-circular~~ semi-circular inner perimeter.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1,
wherein prior to being crimped, said anti-shift collar comprises a ~~hemi-circular~~ semi-circular
inner perimeter portion with a first and a second polygonal inner perimeter portion.
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 4,
wherein said ~~anti-shift collar is crimped adjacent~~ pinched areas are formed in said first and said
second polygonal inner perimeter ~~portions.~~
6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 5,
wherein said anti-shift collar is crimped in four places to form said opposed pinched areas.
7. (ORIGINAL) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said
anti-shift collar comprises a metallic material.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of mounting an anti-shift collar to a stabilizer bar comprising the steps of:

(1) sliding the anti-shift collar over the fully formed stabilizer bar to a desired location; and

(2) crimping the anti-shift collar at ~~opposed locations to form opposed pinched areas which retain the anti-shift collar at the desired location on the stabilizer bar said anti-shift collar comprising an elliptical outer perimeter.~~

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein said step (2) further comprises crimping the anti-shift collar on an outer perimeter ~~opposite~~ adjacent a first and a second polygonal inner perimeter portion.

10. (CANCELED)

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein said step (2) further comprises crimping the anti-shift collar on an outer perimeter adjacent a clipped end to form the clipped end into a pinched area which reduces a clearance between a semi-circular inner perimeter portion of the anti-shift collar and the stabilizer bar.

12. (NEW) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said anti-shift collar defines a generally annular member portion after being crimped to said stabilizer bar.

13. (NEW) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said pinched areas extend outward from said stabilizer bar.

14. (NEW) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said pinched areas extend outward generally along an axis transverse to said stabilizer bar.

15. (NEW) The stabilizer bar assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said anti-shift collar defines a generally planar member prior and after being crimped to said stabilizer bar.

16. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein said step (2) further comprises crimping an outer perimeter of the anti-shift collar into a pinched area which extends outward generally along an axis transverse to said stabilizer bar.

17. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 8, further comprising the step of:
sliding the anti-shift collar onto an end of the fully formed stabilizer bar prior to said step (1).

18. (NEW) A stabilizer bar assembly comprising:
a stabilizer bar; and
an anti-shift collar having a semi-circular inner perimeter received around the stabilizer bar, said anti-shift collar having opposed pinched areas which retain the anti-shift collar to said stabilizer bar.

19. (NEW) The retainer as recited in claim 18, wherein said anti-shift collar defines a generally planar member prior and after being crimped to a stabilizer bar.

20. (NEW) The stabilizer bar assembly in claim 18, wherein said pinched areas are formed in part from an elliptical outer perimeter adjacent a clipped end of said anti-shift collar, said elliptical outer perimeter crimped toward a polygonal inner perimeter portion adjacent said semi-circular inner perimeter.

21. (NEW) The retainer as recited in claim 18, wherein said pinched areas are formed in part from a polygonal portion adjacent said semi-circular inner perimeter.

22. (NEW) The retainer as recited in claim 18, wherein said pinched areas extend outward generally along an axis transverse to said stabilizer bar.